

***** EDITORIAL COMMENT *****

Call 449 if you fail to get the Kentuckian promptly. And if you have a news item, phone it to the same number.

This morning news is alarming. The facts cannot be concealed. The British are in danger of defeat in a decisive battle in the world's history, that has centered on the Mesines ridge, the national barrier protecting the coast of France. Field Marshal Haig has sounded a note of alarm. The fate of the world may be decided on this, the thirteenth of the month. But there are Americans on the way!

The Courier-Journal failed to come yesterday, but the Kentuckian came out on time and Hopkinsville got the news as usual.

If you lend your money to the Government, you may be quite sure that it is going to be used for some national purpose—to prosecute the war successfully, to care for, equip, arm, and supply our soldiers in France, to be used by our Navy in ridding the seas of the murderous U-boats.

An Iowa traveling man became so incensed at German atrocities as depicted at a motion picture show that he drew his revolver and fired two shots at a picture of the Kaiser. You can hurt him worse than that by buying a Liberty Bond.—Cynthiana Democrat.

American troops in the Toul sector of France drove back in disorder Wednesday the heaviest German attack yet made on the American position. The Germans could not get through the wire entanglements and the enemy suffered numerous casualties from the violent artillery bombardment.

The button which will be given to every subscriber to a Liberty Loan Bond of the third issue, whether of a \$50 bond or a \$10,000 one, will have a border of brilliant red, and a blue field with a liberty bell, and the words "Third Liberty Loan" in white. Sixteen million of these buttons are now ready for delivery and will be given out when the subscriptions are made.

Mrs. Ellen P. Dabney, of Seattle, Wash., who has gone to Washington to be an assistant to Food Administrator Hoover, formerly lived in this city. At that time she was the wife of Jas. B. Dabney, of Cadiz, who died while the family lived here. In Seattle Mrs. Dabney has been for years at the head of home economics in the Public Schools and is one of the leading women of the Pacific Coast in that line of work.

CITIZEN OF FAIRVIEW DIES

JOHN FRANKLIN BARNETT HAD BEEN ILL FOR SEVERAL WEEKS.

On Thursday afternoon at forty minutes past three o'clock John Franklin Barnett peacefully passed away at his home in Fairview. He was sixty-three years and one month of age at the time of his death and was one of Fairview's oldest and most revered citizens. He was a most excellent neighbor and friend and his character above reproach.

Mr. Barnett was born in Todd county in 1855, the son of Garner Barnett. He was reared on the farm and followed the business of farming his life.

Many years ago Mr. Barnett suffered the loss of his good wife and married again. He is survived by two children, Mrs. A. B. Wilkins, Elkton, and Herschel G. Barnett, merchant of Fairview. On Feb. 4 became ill of pneumonia and this elapsed into such a serious illness that for days his life was despaired of. For awhile recently his condition thought improved but suddenly a turn this week for the worse. Immediate cause of dissolution given as pneumonia, or consumption of the bowels.

Funeral services were conducted at the Fairview Presbyterian church, which deceased was a member, Sunday at 2 p. m., by Rev. Charles Ward of Hopkinsville. Interment in Goshen burying ground.

Deceased was a cousin of F. A. Barnett and Mr. N. Barnett of Hopkinsville.

OVER MILLION MORE POUNDS

Of Tobacco Added To Sales Since Last Report April 4th.

\$22.50 IS HIGH MARK

Lower Average Due To Much Damaged Weed And Poor Handling

The loose floor tobacco sales for the past week were accelerated considerably by the nice rains which softened the weed and put it in condition to be handled. However, the cold spell the past few days cut down deliveries considerably from what they were prior to the northerner.

The average the past week fell 35c below the previous week. This was due to two causes. First, there was a preponderance of tobacco that had been bulked down while too high in order and much of it had molded. Second, there were many who had ordered their tobacco for handling by sprinkling it, and much of it to the damaging point. To illustrate this one buyer said one farmer brought in his crop that to all appearances had been sprinkled with at least a barrel of water and he was certain that the price was \$2.00 lower than it should have been.

Inspector Cornette reports the week as follows:

Week ending April 11, 1918.

LOOSE FLOORS.

Sales for week.....	1,089,180 lb.
Sales for season.....	13,275,940 lb.
Sales this date 1917.....	14,061,755 lb.
Average for this week.....	\$14.09
Average for this season.....	\$14.10

QUOTATIONS.

Trash.....	\$10.50 to \$12
Common lugs.....	\$12 to \$13
Medium lugs.....	\$13 to \$13.50
Good lugs.....	\$13.50 to \$14
Fine lugs.....	\$14 to \$15
Low leaf.....	\$14 to \$15
Common leaf.....	\$15 to \$15.50
Medium leaf.....	\$15.50 to \$17
Good leaf.....	\$17 to \$20
Fine leaf.....	\$19 to \$20.50

L. B. CORNETTE,
President Tobacco Board of Trade.

CUMMINS GROWS VICIOUS

AND MAKES A PERSONAL ATTACK ON PRESIDENT WILSON TO THE SENATE.

(By International News Service.)

Washington, April 12.—Criticism of the President's method of exercising his war powers was featured in today's debate in the Senate on the Overman bill. Senator Cummins, of Iowa, in the course of long speech attacking the measure, declared that there had been "no guidance to bring the heads of departments together." He charged the President with having failed to coordinate the duties of different departments, under power already given him. It will probably be several days before a vote is reached on the bill.

YOUNG MINISTER ARRIVES.

Two proud parents are rejoicing much over the arrival yesterday morning early of a young preacher in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Everett S. Smith. His stay will be an indefinite one and a welcome one. The father says that both mother and babe are "doing just fine."

The youngster will be known by the name of Everett S. Smith, Jr.

BRITONS ARE BATTLING LIKE VERITABLE DEMONS

And Are Yielding Inch By Inch, Taking Terrible Toll As They Retire On The Flanders Battlefield--The Fate Of The World At Stake.

GEN. HAIG MAKES INSPIRING APPEAL

Urging His Men To Stand To The Last Man Until Now On The Way Reaches The Front On The Heights of Messines.

(By International News Service.)

LONDON, APRIL 12.—THE SUPREME CRISIS IN THE WAR IS AT HAND ON THE FLANDERS BATTLEFIELD. FIELD MARSHAL HAIG, IN AN INSPIRING ARMY ORDER, DROVE THIS TRUTH HOME TO HIS TROOPS TO-DAY, URGING THEM TO STAND TO THE LAST MAN UNTIL HELP, NOW ON THE WAY, REACHES THE FRONT. WITH THE SAME GRAVE FRANKNESS, THE PEOPLE AT HOME WERE INFORMED OFFICIALLY LATE TO-DAY THAT THE BRITONS' AND THE WORLD'S FATE HANGS IN THE BALANCE ON THE FLANDERS BATTLEFIELD. GEN. HAIG'S TROOPS TONIGHT ARE BATTLING LIKE LIONS, TAKING TERRIBLE TOLL OF BLOOD FROM THE FOE FOR EVERY YARD THEY YIELD. BUT THEY ARE OVERWHELMINGLY OUTNUMBERED AND SOME OF THEIR VITAL POINTS OF SUPPORT ARE EITHER ENVELOPED OR IN DANGER OF BEING OUTFLANKED. GEN. HAIG ADMITTED THAT BRITISH TROOPS HAVE BEEN PUSHED BACK AT THE BELLIEU RAILWAY.

SIXTEEN DEAD 32 WOUNDED

COUSIN OF PRESIDENT WILSON AMONG THE WOUNDED IN YESTERDAY'S CASUALTIES.

(By International News Service.)

Washington, April 12.—Today's casualty list contains 51 names. Five were killed in action, three died of wounds, two died from accidents, six died from disease; four were wounded severely, twenty-eight wounded slightly and three missing in action. Capt. Woodrow Woodbridge, a cousin to President Wilson, was among the slightly wounded.

HOLLAND GETS HER ANSWER

(By International News Service.)

Washington, April 12.—The United States Government has formally replied to Holland's protest against the seizure of her ships in American ports it was announced to-night by the state department.

The reply upholds the right of the United States to take such action on the ground of International Law.

STRIKES ARE PROHIBITED

(By International News Service.)

Washington, April 12.—The Senate today again went on record by a vote of 35 to 29, against allowing organized labor the right to strike.

GEN. GALTHALS PROMOTED

WILL BE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF AND HEAD STORAGE AND TRAFFIC.

(By International News Service.)

Washington, April 12.—New impetus to war preparations is expected to result from a radical reorganization of the General Staff, it was announced this afternoon. Major General Goethals, who has been acting as Quartermaster, becomes an Assistant Chief of Staff and will head the division of purchases, storage and traffic.

LIBERIA IS BOMBARDED

(By International News Service.)

Washington, April 12.—Liberia has had her first taste of war. The port of Morovai was bombarded by a German submarine April 10th. Liberia followed the United States into the war against Germany about a year ago.

CARS PROMISED.

Strawberry growers of Warren and other counties have been promised cars to move the coming crop. Last year Warren county raised \$608,000 worth of strawberries, and it is claimed a crop worth \$800,000 will be raised and marketed this year. It is estimated that 900 cars will be required to move the crop. There are 750 strawberry growers in Warren county, and the tracts planted in strawberries vary in size from four acres to 104 acres. The principle markets for the crop are Columbus, Detroit, New York, Philadelphia and Boston.

***** AMERICANS REPEL HUNS. *****

By International News Service

Washington, April 12.—American troops, fighting with the French, to-day repelled a German attack in Apremont. The American captured a number of prisoners.

\$750,000,000 SUBSCRIBED

AND MINNEAPOLIS AND HOPKINSVILLE ARE YET TO BE HEARD FROM.

(By International News Service.)

Washington, April 12.—The Third Liberty Loan to-night passed the half billion mark in actual subscriptions. This statement was made by the Treasury officials who added that with pledges received the total for the loan is now probably close to \$750,000,000. No announcement was made of the actual subscriptions reported by the Federal Reserve Banks for the close of business yesterday, however there was a total of \$415,744,000 for eleven districts. Minneapolis will not start her district campaign until April 15.

HIGH HONORS FOR WHEELER

(By International News Service.)

Chicago, April 12.—Harry A. Wheeler, of Chicago, Food Administrator of Illinois, was elected President of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States at the close of the convention to-day.

ALL READY FOR DRIVE

DETAILS OF LIBERTY LOAN DRIVE PERFECTED AT LUNCHEON LAST NIGHT.

Seventy-five or one hundred men and women met around tables last evening at the Elks Club and enjoyed a most delightful luncheon. There were as many women as men and they seated themselves at the tables in alternate chairs and no man was permitted to be seated beside his wife if she were present.

But it was not to enjoy the feast alone that they came. The gathering together was to organize the several teams of salesmen and saleswomen to go out Monday next and get subscriptions for Liberty Bonds. It is hoped that nobody will have to sell Liberty Bonds but simply take the subscriptions. It is supposed that everybody who can will take bonds and when a person has once made up his mind that he wants a thing or has to have a thing, it is already sold and only the taking of the subscriptions remains for the salesman.

All the banks throughout the country have instructions to report to the Government at Washington all persons who are able and refuse to buy bonds and buy them in liberal amounts. The banks have also received instructions that no further public press announcements will be made of the amounts of bonds sold. All press announcements hereafter of amounts of bonds any community, county or district has subscribed will be given out from Washington as the official deem proper.

THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN TAKE PART

In Monster Parade Yesterday Through Streets Of Hopkinsville

TABERNACLE EXERCISES

Schools From Other Towns Joins In Liberty Loan March

What was the biggest children's parade ever seen in Hopkinsville took place yesterday morning at 10:30 o'clock when all the children of the white schools of the city were joined by large numbers from Gracely, Lafayette, Pembroke, Newstead, Howell, Crofton, etc. Meeting in Virginia Park and forming in parade with all the teachers of the children acting as generals, they moved west down Ninth street to Main and north on Main to Seventh to the Tabernacle. Something like two thousand were marched between walls of human faces lining both sides of the streets. It was indeed an inspiring scene.

At the Tabernacle many hundreds stood or were compelled to turn away for lack of standing room.

Prof. G. C. Koffman presided and Rev. A. S. Anderson delivered the opening prayer; after which the audience arose en masse and sang "America." Robt. River, a high school boy, delivered a great oration to the boys and girls of America. This speech appears in to-day's paper. "Keep the Home Fires Burning" was sung by Misses Gladys McCord and Virginia Smith, being assisted on the chorus by the children. "A Toast To Our Heroes" was given by 5 little boys dressed in different uniforms. The audience sang "The Star Spangled Banner," and John Dabney and Charlie Daniel read letters from the French children to the children of America.

After the close of the speeches and songs the entire body of children marched in twos across the stage and each dropped a nickel in the crack of the Liberty Bell which was placed in position. The money thus raised will be used to buy a Liberty Bond for the children of France. Something over a hundred dollars was raised in this way.

Every child carried either a drum or a flag and when they all stood and waived these flags it was a most beautiful and inspiring sight. The Boy Scouts were in uniform and took an active part in the parade.

U. S. SENATOR BROUSSARD

(By International News Service.)

New Iberia, La., April 12.—United States Senator Robert F. Broussard, of Louisville, died at 8:50 o'clock to-night at his home here.

CLASS ONE

(By International News Service.)

Washington, April 12.—Legislation making certain that no man of class two shall be drawn in the next general draft call will be passed by the House probably tomorrow. The fight against this principal was beaten tonight by the vote of 244 to 118. An amendment was adopted giving credits in the call in proportion to the number of men who have volunteered.